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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I ask, Sir, if as is stated in the answer there is objection to bring all the reserves mentioned in clause (*d*), whether in view of the fact that they have worked satisfactorily so far, the question of extending the panchayat system will be considered in the near future?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I shall have to examine the question, Sir."

Quantity of sandalwood exported to Europe or America.

*825 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the quantity of sandalwood is that is exported from this province to either Europe or America ; and

(*b*) the purpose for which sandalwood is used in the countries to which it is exported ?

A.—(*a*) Two hundred and forty-five tons were exported to America and Europe in 1925-26.

(*b*) Chiefly for making sandalwood oil.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"In answer to clause (*a*) it is stated that sandalwood is taken to Europe and America for making sandalwood oil. May I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether he could not try to have it done here?"

The hon the PRESIDENT :—"Supplemental questions are to be addressed to the Member to whom the original question is put. If the hon. Member wants to put any supplemental question based upon this question to any other Member of the Treasury Bench, he has to frame a separate question and give notice of it."

Jails

Persons sent to Andamans from the Madras Presidency.

*826 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons sent from this Province to Andamans up to the date for which information is available ;

(*b*) how many of them are convicts ;

(*c*) how many of them are males and how many females ;

(*d*) whether there are any above the age of 50 and below 10 ; if so, what is their number ;

(*e*) the number of deaths after arrival in the Island ;

(*f*) whether there were any non-Mappillas among the men ; if so, how many of them ; and

(*g*) whether Government will make a statement with regard to the present condition of the persons sent out to Andamans from this Province ?

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A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*f*) The following statement gives the information in regard to the number of persons sent to the Andamans since 1922:—

(1) Convicts—

(*a*) Mappilla deportees	1,277
(*b*) Mappilla volunteers under the Colonization Scheme.	334
(*c*) Non-Mappilla volunteers under the Colonization Scheme.	43
Total ...	1,654

(2) Free men, women and children—

(*a*) Mappillas	1,424
(*b*) Non-Mappillas	186
Total ...	1,610

(*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) The number of deaths after arrival in the Islands is 111 among convicts and 28 among free men, women and children.

(*g*) The present condition of the persons sent out from this Province is reported to be very good.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Does the hon. Member think that the mortality is too much considering that out of 3,200 people, 139 died?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It is asking for an opinion. To say 'whether the hon. Member thinks it is too much' amounts to asking for an opinion."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Considering the heavy mortality among the people sent to the Andamans, will not the hon. the Home Member consider the question of bringing the people back?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am very glad that this question has been asked, Sir. With regard to the convict population the death-rate in the Andamans is 13·30 per mille. With regard to the free population it is 14·28 per mille; whereas the death-rate in Madras is 47·9 per mille, and in Malabar it is 27·7 per mille."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member, Sir, the diseases from which these people died?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I suppose, Sir, they must have died of ordinary diseases, because there are mortality returns to show that the death-rate is not high"

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member the diseases from which they died? I do not want to know whether they were ordinary or extraordinary diseases."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"In order to answer the question accurately and definitely, I should like to have notice of the question."

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Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—"It is stated in answer to clause (g) that the 'present condition of the persons sent out from this Province is reported to be very good'. I want to know, Sir, what the hon. Member means by that."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Sir, we asked the Jail authorities to submit a report on the health conditions of the people there, and that was the report that we received from them."

Mr. K. V R. Swami :—"May I know from the hon. the Home Member the percentage of mortality in the Indian jails here ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"In our jails, the mortality is about 12·51 per mille."

Diet to vegetarian and non-vegetarian prisoners.

* 827 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the nature of the food that is given to non-vegetarian prisoners ;
(b) whether it includes fish and mutton ; and
(c) whether the food of Indian prisoners includes curd or buttermilk ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to rule 347, Jail Manual.

Mr. K. V R. Swami :—"Will the hon. the Home Member kindly tell us whether curd or milk is given in jails ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I do not think, Sir, that they are generally given."

Mr K. V. R. Swami :—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Jail authorities accept the theory that preference should be given to the kind of diet that the convicts are used to ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"Whatever may be the theory that they accept, we have to go upon the provisions of the Jail Manual and the rules framed under it."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"Sir, may I know whether the hon. Member would attempt to change the rules so as to apply that theory in this case, just as it is applied in the case of European convicts ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I do not think it will be possible to do so ; but still I shall consider the suggestion."

Labour

Labourers recruited from South Kanara for several plantations.

* 828 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question No. 167, answered on 26th August 1927, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of labourers recruited in South Kanara and sent to the plantations in Malabar, Mysore and Coorg in the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 by the United Planters' Association of Southern India showing the various communities to which they belong ; and